

FEBRUARY 27, 1816.

Read twice and committed to a Committee of the whole House
on Thursday next.

A Bill

Providing for the sale of the tract of Land, at the British Fort at the Miami of the Lake, at the foot of the Rapids, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so*
3 much of the tract of land of twelve miles square, at the "Bri-
4 tish Fort of the Miami of the lake, at the foot of the rapids," ceded
5 by the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanoes, Ottawas, Chippewas,
6 Patawatamies, Miamis, Eel River, Weeas, Kickapoos, Pianka-
7 shaws, and Kaskaskias tribes of Indians, to the United States,
8 by the treaty of Greeneville, of the third of August, one thou-
9 sand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall, under the di-
10 rection of the surveyor general, be laid off into town lots,
11 streets, and avenues, and into out lots, in such manner and
12 of such dimensions, as he may judge proper: *Provided, the*

13 tract so to be laid off shall not exceed the quantity of land
14 contained in two entire sections, nor the town lots one quarter
15 of an acre each. When the survey of the lots shall be com-
16 pleted, a plat thereof shall be returned to the surveyor gene-
17 ral, on which the town lots and out lots shall, respectively, be
18 designated by progressive numbers, who shall cause two
19 copies to be made, one to be transmitted, with a copy of the
20 field notes, to the commissioner of the general land-office, and
21 the other to the register of the land-office at Wooster.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That previously to the
2 disposal at public sale of the before-mentioned tract of land,
3 the surveyor general shall, and he is hereby directed, to re-
4 survey and mark the exterior lines of the said tract, conforma-
5 bly to the survey made in December, one thousand eight hun-
6 dred and five, by virtue of the act of the third of March,
7 one thousand eight hundred and five, and also to cause divi-
8 sional lines to be run through each section and fractional section
9 binding on the said river, so that each subdivision may con-
10 tain, as nearly as may be, one hundred and sixty acres each.
11 And in like manner to cause the "Great Island," lying at the
12 foot of the rapids, in the said river, to be surveyed, and by
13 lines, running north and south, to divide the same, as nearly
14 as may be, into six equal parts, that is to say, that part of the
15 said island, described in the survey of the said cession as lying
16 in township number three, in four parts; and that part of the

17 said island lying in township number four, into two parts : *Pro-*
 18 *vided*, That in running the subdivisional lines no interference
 19 shall be made affecting or impairing the rights of persons to
 20 whom letters patent have been granted for land lying within
 21 the limits of the said twelve miles square, nor affecting the selec-
 22 tion or location hereafter to be made under the direction of
 23 the secretary of war, for military purposes : *Provided also*,
 24 That in no case shall the subdivisional lines be so run as to
 25 extend to, or embrace, the bed of the river, which shall be
 26 deemed and is hereby declared to be a public highway. *And*
 27 *provided also*, That the whole expense of re-surveying and
 28 marking the exterior lines of the said cession, and of the
 29 subdivisional lines of the sections, lying adjacent to the river,
 30 shall not exceed three dollars for every mile actually surveyed,
 31 re-surveyed, and marked, by virtue of this and the preceding
 32 section.

1 **SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted*, That all the land contain-
 2 ed within the aforesaid cession of twelve miles square, not ex-
 3 cepted by virtue of any section of this act, shall, with the excep-
 4 tion of number sixteen, which shall be reserved in each
 5 township for the support of schools within the same, and with
 6 the exception also of the salt springs and land reserved for
 7 the use of the same, be offered for sale to the highest bidder,
 8 at Wooster, in the State of Ohio, under the direction of the
 9 register and receiver of the land-office, and on such day or

10 days as shall, by a public proclamation of the President
 11 of the United States, be designated for that purpose.—
 12 The sale for the quarter sections, fractional quarter sections,
 13 and of the town lots and out lots, shall remain open at Wooster
 14 for seven days, and no longer. The quarter sections, and frac-
 15 tional quarter sections, shall not be sold for less than two
 16 dollars an acre; the inlots for less than twenty dollars each,
 17 nor any outlot for less than at the rate of five dollars per acre;
 18 and shall, in every other respect, be sold on the same terms
 19 and conditions as have been, or may be, by law, provided for
 20 the lands sold north of the River Ohio, and above the mouth of
 21 Kentucky River. All the lands, other than the reserved sections
 22 and those excepted as above mentioned, remaining unsold at the
 23 closing of the public sales, may be disposed of at private sale by
 24 the register of the land-office, at Wooster, agreeably to the pro-
 25 visions of this act, and in the same manner, under the same re-
 26 gulations and conditions as are, or may be provided by law, for
 27 the sale of the lands of the United States, north of the Ohio
 28 River, and above the mouth of Kentucky River. And patents
 29 shall be obtained for all lands granted or sold within the said
 30 cession, in the same manner, and on the same terms, as are or
 31 may be provided by law for land sold in the State of Ohio.
 32 The superintendants of the public sales, directed by this sec-
 33 tion, shall receive four dollars each, for each day's attendance
 34 on the said sales.